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- 1. BANGKOK PRESS APRIL 28 REPORTS THAT JOINT THAI-MALAYSIAN MILITARY OPERATION, "SELAMAT-SAWADDI" (GREETINGS IN MALAY AND THAI) HAS GOOTTEN UNDER WAY, INVOLVING THAI AND MALAYSIAN TROOPS IN BETONG DISTRICT OF WOUTHER YALA PROVINCE IN THAILAND. COMPANY OF MALAYSIAN TROOPS REPORTEDLY CROSSED INTO THAILAND APRIL26 AND CLASHED WITH MCP GUERRILLAS SAME DAY. THAI HAVE COMMITTED ONE COMPANY OF TROOPS AT THIS POINT TO EFFORT. JOIN OPERATION REPORTEDLY BEING CONDUCTED BY MALAYSINA COMMANDER, MG DATA ABDUL AMIN, AND THAI MG YUTHASAK.
- 2. LAUNCHING OF JOINT OPERATION WAS REPORTED IN CONTEXT OF SESSION OF GENERAL BORDER COMMITTEE MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR APRIL 27, ATTENDED BY THAI DEFENSE MINISTER LEK NAEOMALI AND MALAYSIAN HOME MINISTER GHAZALI BIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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